



NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT



Habitats

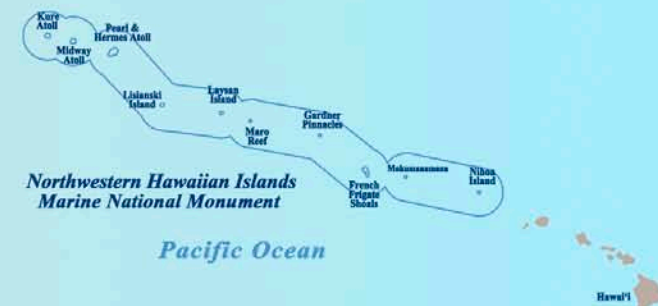
Coral reefs

Seamounts

Banks

Shoals

Atolls



Key Species

Monk Seal

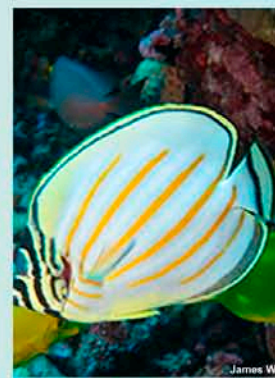
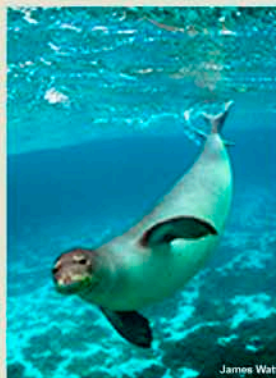
Green Sea Turtle

Black Coral

Spiny lobster

Butterfly Fish

Laysan Albatross



Astonishing Facts

At least one quarter of the species around the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are endemic, found nowhere else on Earth, many more remain unidentified or unknown to science.

If the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands were laid atop the continental United States, the NWHI would cover a distance equal to that between New York City and Omaha, Nebraska, or Boston and the Florida Everglades.





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Astonishing Fact

The reefs and atolls seen today in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands chain represent "footprints" of former high volcanic islands.



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